



# Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission

Agenda Item: 4

## Advisory Information

**Title:** Selection of Representatives to the NRP Policy Board

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**Date:** August 27, 2013

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**Attachments:** None

## Requested Action

Selection of four members of the NCEC to serve on the NRP Policy Board from September 2013 through August 2013.

## Background

The NRP Policy Board is responsible for reviewing and approving NRP Neighborhood Action Plans and modifications to existing plans. In addition, the Board reviews and approves Neighborhood Action Plans. The Board meets monthly on the third Tuesday of the month. For the past year the Board has met from 5:00 to 7:00 PM every other month.

Representation from the Commission to the NRP Policy Board is called for in the 2011 City Council Resolution which created the Policy Board:

*Be It Further Resolved that the City Council requests that the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) appoint four neighborhood representatives from the members of the NCEC for an interim term ending in June 2012, by which time the neighborhoods will have held NCEC elections and after which the NCEC may make annual appointments from the members of the NCEC to full one-year terms*

Initially there was some question as to whether the NCEC representatives should be drawn from only the elected members or should all elected and appointed member be eligible for to serve on the Policy Board. The adopted resolution calls for the Policy Board representatives to be drawn from the full membership of the commission.

In addition to the four NCEC representatives, the Policy Board includes the following members:

- Mayor of the City of Minneapolis or designee – *currently Jeremy Hanson Willis*
- President or other member of the Minneapolis City Council – *currently Councilmember Kevin Reich*

- Elected official from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board – *currently Commissioner Liz Wielinski*
- Elected official from the Minneapolis Board of Education – *currently Boardmember Josh Reimnitz*
- Elected official from the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners – *currently Commissioner Gail Dorfman*
- A representative from the Minneapolis delegation to the Minnesota Senate – *currently Senator Jeff Hayden*
- A representative from the Minneapolis delegation to the Minnesota House – *unfilled at this time.*

## Discussion

The process used by the NCEC has used in the past to select Policy Board representatives is as follows:

1. Solicit nominations or volunteers.
2. If only four nominations are received, approve by consensus.
3. If more than four nominations, follow this process:
  - a. Each candidate is given 60 seconds to speak
  - b. Vote by secret ballot with each commissioner voting for up to four commissioners
  - c. The four commissioners with the most votes are selected
  - d. NCR staff is directed to inform the City Council of the appointments